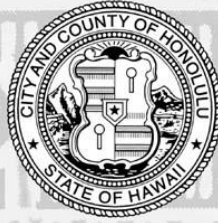


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CITY TO CONDUCT SOIL SAMPLING TESTS ALONG FARRINGTON HIGHWAY IN WAIPAHU FOR TRANSIT PROJECT

The City & County of Honolulu, as part of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project, will conduct nighttime soil sampling work from East Kapolei to Waipahu beginning next Tuesday, May 25, 2010.

The soil sampling is part of preliminary design work for the first portion of the rail route running 6.5-miles between East Kapolei and Pearl City. Kiewit Pacific, selected to design and construct the first segment of the rail transit route, was authorized by the City to conduct the preliminary testing work.

Work in residential areas will be done at night primarily along the Farrington Highway median between Waipahu High School and Fort Weaver Road. Night work along Farrington Highway will run from Thursday, May 27 until early September.

“We continue to move forward with the Honolulu Rail Transit Project; these tests will help us with preliminary design work,” said City Department of Transportation Services Director Wayne Y. Yoshioka. “Testing the soil stability along the route will help us refine the design and location of concrete pillars that will support the elevated guideway.”

Work will require some nighttime lane and intersection closures Sundays through Fridays between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. westbound and 6 p.m. through 5 a.m. eastbound. One lane of traffic in each direction along Farrington Highway will remain open during the night work.

Crews or special duty police officers may direct traffic at affected intersections during the night work. Closures of side streets are not anticipated and local access to driveways will be maintained.

Motorists using Farrington Highway at night are advised to anticipate possible traffic delays or take alternative routes during work hours.

For updates on work days and times, check the project website at www.honolulutransit.org or contact our hotline at 566-2299.

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